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SUBJECT: SS SSO TF3-3: CHINA TASK FORCE SITUATION  
REPORT NO. 3 - SITUATION AS OF 1700 EDT, 6/4/89

1. (CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SITUATION IN BEIJING: THE PLA IS MOPPING UP ISOLATED RESISTANCE. THE BEIJING MARTIAL LAW COMMAND ISSUED A NOTICE PROCLAIMING THAT "PLA TROOPS VIGOROUSLY SMASHED THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY TURMOIL (OF A HANDFUL OF FRENZIED SCOUNDRELS AND REBELLIOUS ELEMENTS)." CASUALTY ESTIMATES VARY FROM 500 TO 2600 DEATHS, WITH INJURIES UP TO 10,000. EMBASSY BEIJING HAS REPORTED

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SOME APCS DESTROYED OR CAPTURED BY STUDENTS AND WEAPONS TURNED OVER BY SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PLA. WE CANNOT CONFIRM A TASS REPORT THAT THE AIRPORT HAS BEEN CLOSED. (BEIJING 15424, 15426, 15427; TASS; EMBASSY/WATCH TELCONS)

2. OTHER CITIES: "PORTIONS OF SHANGHAI ARE AT A STANDSTILL"; STUDENTS AND OTHERS ARE MARCHING IN NANJING AND CHENGDU; AND WORKERS ARE DISCUSSING OR SPECULATING

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TEXT OF TELEGRAM 89STATE 176535 **UNCLASSIFIED**

ABOUT GENERAL STRIKES THROUGHOUT URBAN CHINA. (SHANGHAI 3720; BEIJING 15428)

3. LEADERSHIP NOTES: ONE REPORT HAS DENG XIAOPING, UNDER TREATMENT FOR PROSTRATE CANCER, GIVING THE ATTACK ORDER FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED BUT LATER RAGING THAT HE HAD BEEN INSUFFICIENTLY BRIEFED ON THE DEMONSTRATIONS. (AP)

4. AMERICAN CITIZENS: CBS JOURNALIST RICHARD ROTH WAS RELEASED FOLLOWING AMB. LILLEY'S DEMARCHE. ROTH'S WIFE WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR OUR EFFORTS. AN EMBASSY OFFICER HAS SEEN THE ONE AMERICAN KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INJURED; HE IS RECOVERING. DESPITE MUCH NERVOUSNESS AMONG RESIDENT AMERICANS—UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HAVE HAD TANKS SLATED TO MOVE ON THE UNIVERSITY AREAS—WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF INCIDENTS. WE HAVE TAKEN MANY HUNDRED CALLS FROM CONCERNED CITIZENS AND CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES, ALL DEPLORING THE PRC ACTION AND URGING A STRONG USG RESPONSE. (BEIJING 15426; EMBASSY/WATCH TELCONS)

5. FOREIGN REACTIONS: PM THATCHER ISSUED A STATEMENT, AS DID HONG KONG'S GOV. WILSON, NOTING THE RECENT EVENTS WITH "DEEP SADNESS" AND "CONCERN." IN HONG KONG SOME 100,000 MARCHED; IN MACAU AN ESTIMATED 50,000. THE

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AUSTRALIANS HAVE CANCELED AN UPCOMING NAVAL PORT VISIT TO CHINA. TAIWAN'S PRESIDENT LEE TENG HUI CALLED IN AIT CHIEF DAVID DEAN IN TAIPEI TO HEAR HIS APPEAL FOR THE US TO JOIN IN CONDEMNATION AND CONSIDERATION OF SANCTIONS. (BEIJING 15428, TAIPEI 3626, UK EMB WASHINGTON/WATCH TELCONS). BAKER

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